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INFO AMCONSUL CAPETOWN

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TAGS: PINS,SHUM WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TWO SENTENCED TO DEATH IN SWAPO TERRORISM
TRIAL.

REF: PRETORIA 2068 AND PREVIOUS

1. JUSTICE J.J. STRYDOM MAY 12 SENTENCED HENDRIK SHIKONGO
AND AARON MUSHIMBA TO DEATH AFTER FINDING THEM GUILTY THE
PRECEDING DAY OF PARTICIPATION IN TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES.
ALSO CONVICTED IN THE SWAPO TERRORISM ACT TRIAL IN SWAKOPMUND
(REF TELS) WERE ANNA NGHIDONDJWA AND RAUNA NAMBINGA, WHO
WERE SENTENCED TO FIVE AND SEVEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT
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RESPECTIVELY. NAIMI NOMBOWA, THE FIFTH DEFENDANT, WAS FOUND

NOT GUILTY. IN DELIVERING SENTENCE STRYDOM SAID A STRONG
DETERRENT WAS NEEDED AND, " THIS EVIL OF TERRORISM MUST BE TORN
OUT BY THE ROOTS".

2. MUSHIMBA WAS CHARGED WITH SUPPLYING VARIOUS ITEMS TO
A SWAPO MEMBER WHO IN TURN GAVE THEM " TO PERSONS WHOSE
GOAL IT WAS TO OVERTHROW BY FORCE" THE ADMINISTRATION OF SWA.
AMONG THE ITEMS WAS A LANDROVER WHICH, ACCORDING TO A SA ARMY
OFFICER WHO TESTIFIED FOR PROSECUTION, WAS INVOLVED IN A
GUERRILLA ATTACK ON AN ARMY PATROL. SHIKONGO WAS CHARGED
WITH TRANSPORTING ASSASSINS OF OWAMBO CHIEF MINISTER ELIFAS.
SHIKONGO ADMITTED TRANSPORTING TWO MEN BUT DENIED HE KNEW THEY
INTENDED TO KILL ELIFAS. MISS NAMBINGA WAS FOUND GUILTY OF
GIVING R10 (\$11.50), CLOTHING, AND COLLECTING R20 FOR DELIVERY TO
A SWAPO MEMBER WHO IN TURN GAVE IT TO " TERRORISTS". MISS
NGHINDONDJWA WAS ACCUSED OF GIVING R10 TO SOMEONE WHO IN TURN GAVE
IT TO " TERRORISTS". DEFENSE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL
CONVICTION AND SENTENCING FOR ALL FOUR WAS DENIED BY JUSTICE
STRYDOM.

3. THERE HAS BEEN CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN CASE AND DEPARTMENT
MAY WISH TO INFORM CONGRESSWOMAN PATRICIA SCHOREDER OF
OUTCOME (CAPE TOWN 446).
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